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H. F. No. 2304

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services Policy

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to body art; requiring a health warning to consumers; requiring the  
1.3 commissioner of health to perform a study and issue reports; appropriating  
1.4 money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 146B.07, subdivision 3.  
1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2012, section 146B.07, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 3. **Informed consent.** Before performing a body art procedure, the technician  
1.8 shall obtain from the client a signed and dated informed consent form.

1.9 (a) The consent form must disclose:

1.10 (1) that a tattoo is considered permanent and may only be removed with a surgical  
1.11 procedure and that any effective removal may leave scarring; or

1.12 (2) that body piercing may leave scarring.

1.13 (b) The consent form must also contain the following warning prominently displayed  
1.14 in bold and large type: "Tattoo inks are not regulated by the state or federal government  
1.15 and their safety has not been established. Tattoo inks may contain heavy metals and other  
1.16 ingredients known to cause allergic reactions and cancer."

1.17 Sec. 2. **STUDY; COMPONENTS OF TATTOO INK.**

1.18 (a) The commissioner of health shall collect and analyze tattoo ink from a random  
1.19 sample of Minnesota licensed body art establishments to determine in a statistically and  
1.20 scientifically reliable manner the ingredients and components of inks being used in  
1.21 Minnesota for the purpose of assessing human health risks. The commissioner shall  
1.22 review currently available scientific research and literature on the ingredients and

2.1 components found in the collected ink samples to determine the short- and long-term  
2.2 safety of the inks used in body art establishments.

2.3 (b) The commissioner shall issue a preliminary report to the chairs and ranking  
2.4 minority members of the house and senate standing committees with jurisdiction over the  
2.5 Department of Health no later than December 15, 2014.

2.6 Sec. 3. **APPROPRIATION; TATTOO INK STUDY.**

2.7 \$..... is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of health in fiscal  
2.8 year 2015 for the purpose of collecting ink samples from Minnesota licensed body art  
2.9 establishments, determining the components of the ink, and conducting research to  
2.10 determine the safety of the inks.